

Grand Jury Aversion

SAN RAFAEL, Calif.—Black people and young people frequently refuse to serve on grand juries, a Marin County judge testified.

Judge Samuel W. Gardiner, 68, was questioned by attorneys for Angela Davis on procedures for selecting grand jurors in Marin County. Miss Davis has been indicted on charges growing out of the Marin courthouse shootout last August and is challenging the legality of the grand jury.

Judge Gardiner said young people who are well-qualified "won't serve because they can't afford the time away from their money-making activities."

He also said that black people refuse to serve because they "do not want to be called 'Uncle Toms' for serving with an establishment organization."